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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING AFTER SCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME GRANTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-16x of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) The Department of Education, in consultation with the after
4 school committee established pursuant to section 10-16v, may, within
5 available appropriations, administer a grant program to provide grants
6 for after school programs to local and regional boards of education,
7 municipalities and not-for-profit organizations that are exempt from
8 taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
9 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United
10 States, as from time to time amended. For purposes of this subsection,
11 "after school program" means a program that takes place when school
12 is not in session and provides educational, enrichment and recreational
13 activities for children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive.

14 (b) (1) Applications for grants pursuant to subsection (a) of this
15 section shall be filed [annually] biennially with the Commissioner of

16 Education at such time and in such manner as the commissioner
17 prescribes. As part of the application, an applicant shall submit a plan
18 for the expenditure of grant funds.

19 (2) Eligibility for grants pursuant to this section shall be determined
20 for a two-year period and shall be based on the plan for expenditure of
21 grant funds. Prior to the payment of funds to the grant recipient for the
22 second year of the grant, the grant recipient shall report to the
23 Department of Education on performance outcomes of the program
24 and file expenditure reports as required under subsection (f) of this
25 section. The report concerning performance outcomes shall include,
26 but not be limited to, measurements of the impact on student
27 achievement, school attendance and the in-school behavior of student
28 participants. If the commissioner determines that the outcomes for the
29 first year of the program and the reported expenditures are acceptable,
30 the commissioner shall release the funds to the grant recipient for the
31 second year of the program.

32 (c) The Department of Education and the after school committee
33 established pursuant to section 10-16v shall develop and apply
34 appropriate evaluation procedures to measure the effectiveness of the
35 grant program established pursuant to this section.

36 (d) For purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section, the
37 Department of Education may accept funds from private sources and
38 from any state agency that is a member of the after school committee.

39 (e) The Department of Education shall provide, or contract with
40 another entity to provide, grant recipients with technical assistance,
41 evaluation, program monitoring and professional development. The
42 department may retain up to five per cent of the amount appropriated
43 for the grant program for purposes of this subsection.

44 (f) Grant recipients shall file expenditure reports with the
45 Commissioner of Education at such time and in such manner as the
46 commissioner prescribes. Grant recipients shall refund (1) any

47 unexpended amounts at the close of the program for which the grant
 48 was awarded, and (2) any amounts not expended in accordance with
 49 the approved grant application.

50 (g) Not later than January 1, 2008, and biennially thereafter, the
 51 Department of Education shall, in accordance with the provisions of
 52 section 11-4a, report to the joint standing committee of the General
 53 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education on
 54 performance outcomes of recipients of grants under this section. The
 55 report shall include, but not be limited to, measurements of the impact
 56 on student achievement, school attendance and the in-school behavior
 57 of student participants.

58 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of seven million one hundred
 59 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Education, from
 60 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the
 61 purposes of section 10-16x of the general statutes, as amended by this
 62 act.

63 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of seven million six hundred
 64 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Education, from
 65 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the
 66 purposes of section 10-16x of the general statutes, as amended by this
 67 act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-16x
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To enable the Department of Education to use up to five per cent of the appropriated after school grant for technical assistance, evaluation, program monitoring and professional development to enhance quality in after school programs, to increase after school grant eligibility from one year to two years, to require the programs and the department to

report on performance outcomes and to increase the appropriation to the program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]